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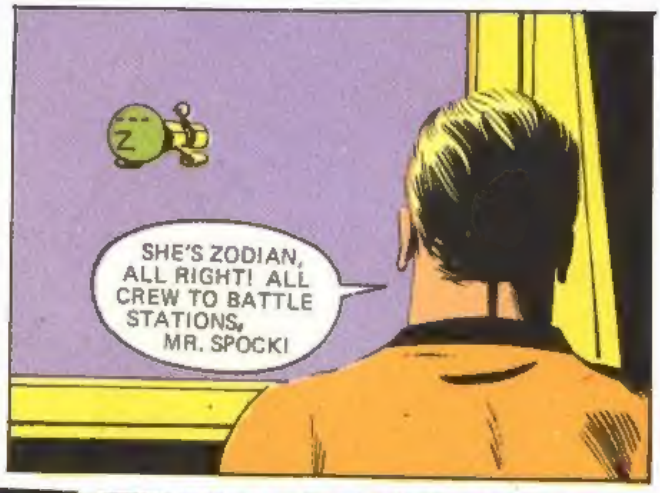
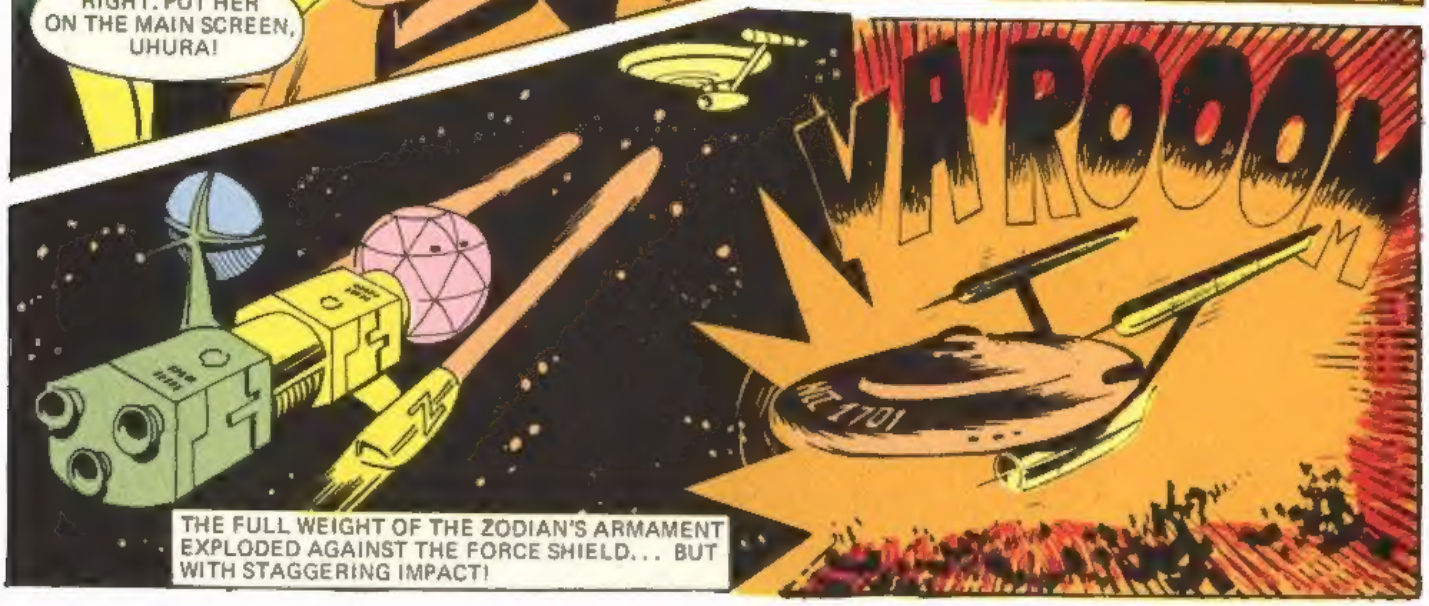
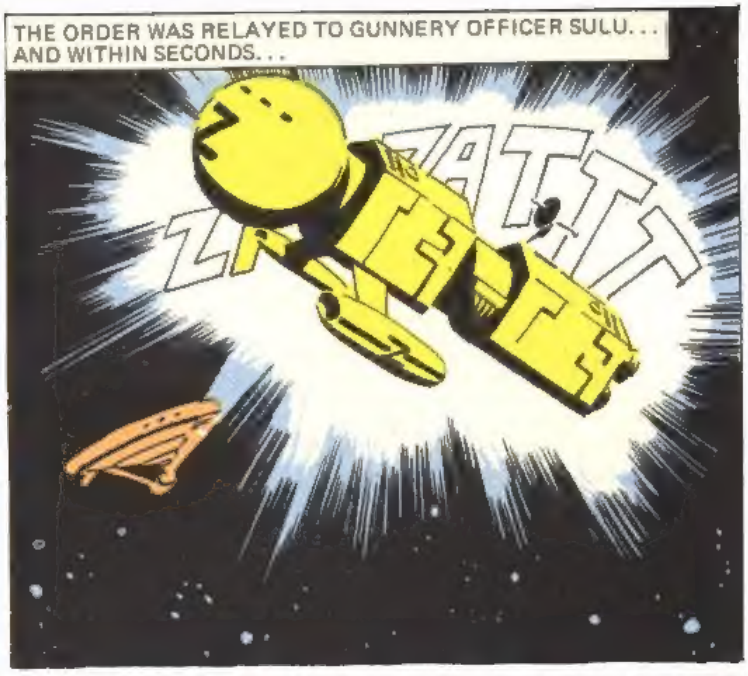
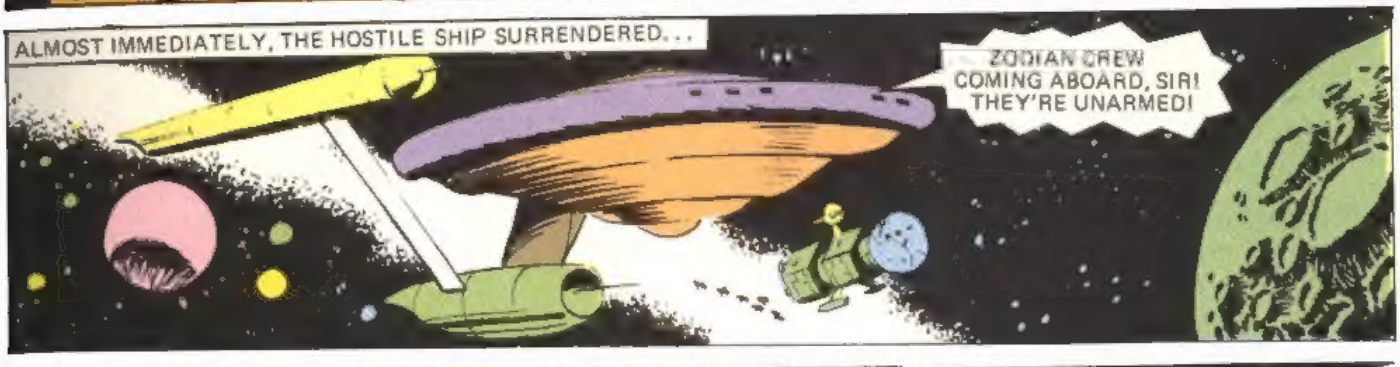
UNDER COMMAND OF CAPTAIN JAMES T. KIRK, THE STARSHIP ENTERPRISE STREAKED THROUGH SPACE TOWARDS THE PLANET KORAK, TO INVESTIGATE INTELLIGENCE REPORTS OF ZODIAN ACTIVITY . . .





NO DAMAGE, CAPTAIN!
THEY MUST BE CRAZY, TAKING ON A SHIP OF OUR SIZE! BRACKET THEM, SPOCK!

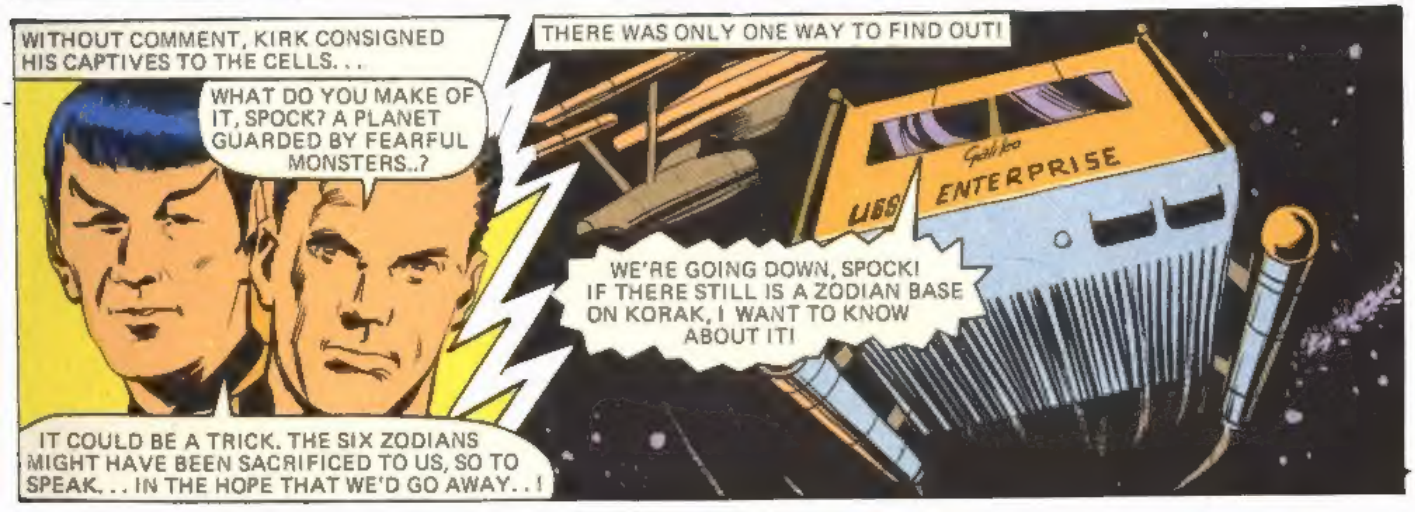

THE ORDER WAS RELAYED TO GUNNERY OFFICER SULU... AND WITHIN SECONDS...
ZAP!!!

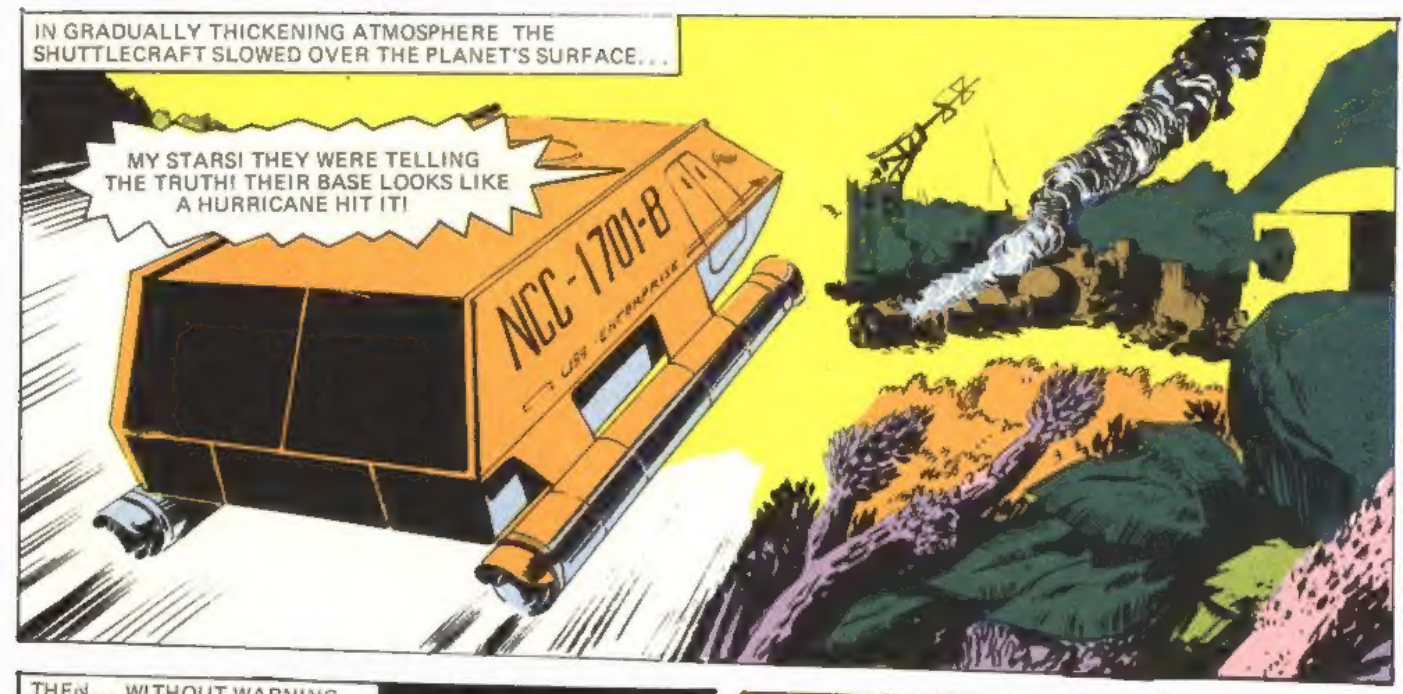

ALMOST IMMEDIATELY, THE HOSTILE SHIP SURRENDERED...
ZODIAN CREW COMING ABOARD, SIR! THEY'RE UNARMED!

CAPTAIN KIRK FOUND HIMSELF CONFRONTING SIX BADLY FRIGHTENED PRISONERS...
WELL?
WE HAD TO ATTACK! WE SAW YOU AS A POSSIBLE MEANS OF ESCAPE FROM KORAK!

OUR FUEL STORE THERE WAS WRECKED! OUR SHIP COULD NOT HAVE PULLED US OUT OF ORBIT... AWAY FROM... THE TERROR!

THE BEASTS! THEY'RE INVINCIBLE...
WE WERE THERE ONLY A WEEK BEFORE THEY APPEARED...
WE ARE THE ONLY SURVIVORS OF OUR EXPEDITIONARY FORCE!


WITHOUT COMMENT, KIRK CONSIGNED HIS CAPTIVES TO THE CELLS...
WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT, SPOCK? A PLANET GUARDED BY FEARFUL MONSTERS..?
IT COULD BE A TRICK. THE SIX ZODIANS MIGHT HAVE BEEN SACRIFICED TO US, SO TO SPEAK... IN THE HOPE THAT WE'D GO AWAY...!
THERE WAS ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT!
USS ENTERPRISE
WE'RE GOING DOWN, SPOCK! IF THERE STILL IS A ZODIAN BASE ON KORAK, I WANT TO KNOW ABOUT IT!


IN GRADUALLY THICKENING ATMOSPHERE THE SHUTTLECRAFT SLOWED OVER THE PLANET'S SURFACE...
MY STARS! THEY WERE TELLING THE TRUTH! THEIR BASE LOOKS LIKE A HURRICANE HIT IT!
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USS ENTERPRISE

THEN... WITHOUT WARNING...
YEEEAGH! LOOK OUT!
BAMMMM!

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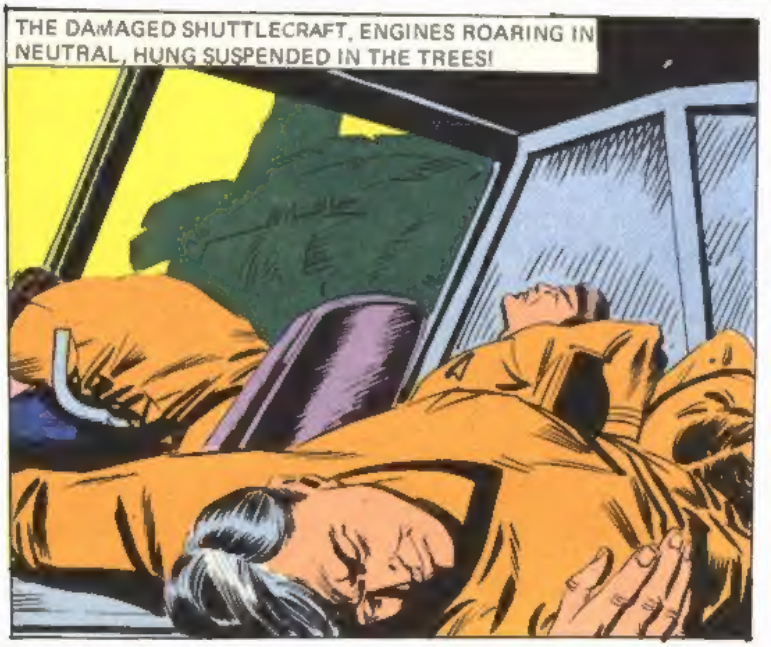
THE DAMAGED SHUTTLECRAFT, ENGINES ROARING IN NEUTRAL, HUNG SUSPENDED IN THE TREES!

SNOO-ARRRR!
BUT EVEN AS THE MASSIVE JAWS BEGAN TO CLOSE FOR THE DEATH-STROKE...
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NOW CAPTAIN KIRK RECOVERED HIS BATTERED WITS...
UHHH..? ANOTHER SHUTTLECRAFT..? BUT WHO..?
CAPTAIN! THANK THE STARS YOU'RE OKAY! GET CLEAR, FOR PETE'S SAKE! IT'S THE ZODIANS IN THE OTHER SHUTTLE!
IN THAT INSTANT...
RAHAAM
GREAT JUPITER! DELIBERATE SUICIDE... TO GIVE US THE CHANCE TO GET CLEAR!
USS ENTERPRISE
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THERE WAS NOTHING KIRK COULD DO FOR THE GALLANT ZODIANS. GRIMLY, HE RETURNED TO ENTERPRISE...
I AUTHORISED THEM TO FOLLOW, CAPTAIN... AS SOON AS OUR SCANNERS SAW THE ATTACK! THEY SAID CAPTIVITY WAS A DISHONOUR...
BRAVE MEN. LET'S HOPE OUR TWO EMPIRES LEARN FROM THEIR EXAMPLE. IT COULD BE A STEP TOWARDS UNDERSTANDING...